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## Legba

Who is that old man at the crossroads, puffing slowly on his pipe, leaning on his crutch, laughing softly at his faithful dogs?

He appears to walk with a limp—we do not see that he straddles different worlds.

He appears weak and frail but is the keeper of the gateway—no one communicates with a spirit without his permission.

He is the great communicator and the great trickster. He allows you to see into your future, to speak with spirits and gods—and he allows you the freedom to misunderstand and misinterpret everything seen and said.

He is Papa Legba.

At times he is also Prometheus. He stole a divine secret and shared it with us, the secret of communication with other worlds.

At times he is Hermes, a messenger to the divine.

When crippled, he is St. Lazarus. When guarding the gate, he is St. Peter.

Nothing is as it seems with Legba.

*(Written by Nicole Apostola. Art by Tooth Granat.)*